3. The new agreement between the Board and the contractor was executed on 2nd May 1927. Subba Rao executed the necessary security bond only on 7th July 1927 and he thus failed to execute it within two months of the date of the agreement as stipulated therein.

The Government have no information regarding the representations made by the public and they do not propose to call for any.

Police

Alleged detention of some Congress workers by the Police at Arcot.

* 1820 Q.—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that at Arcot on the 30th November 1928 some policemen stopped by force the jatka in which the Congress workers, Messrs. Akoor Ananthachariyar and Jamathagni Nayakar were going to the District Congress Committee office and abused the jatka driver ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to enquire into the matter ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether he is aware that the subject-matter of the interpellation formed the subject-matter of an adjournment motion in the House recently and whether he has taken any steps in regard to the matters laid bare in the adjournment motion ? "

The hon. Khan Bhadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I said then that if the hon. Members bring to my notice any specific instances I am prepared to look into the matter."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I draw his attention to the fact that specific instances have been given in the four interpellations ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The moment I received these, I have called for report and as soon as the reports are received I will consider the question."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" In view of the fact that the Council is not going to meet for another five months. . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is not justified in assigning reasons."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know whether when the reports are received the hon. the Home Member will lay them on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" That will be considered when the reports are received."

Alleged threatening of some members of Walajah Congress Committee by the Police.

* 1821 Q.—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on the 21st November 1928 at Ammoor, a village near Walajah Road railway station, in North Arcot district, near

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the mandi of Govindarajulu's mill, a police constable by name Karim of Walajapet, threatened two lady members of Walajah Congress Committee, Srimathi Sadhu Narasimma Ammal and Lakshmipathi Ammal, saying that if they continue to be members of the Congress they will have to be under police surveillance ;

(b) whether the Government propose to make any enquiry ; and

(c) if not, why not ?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for it.

Alleged threatening of some residents of Peranamallore by the Sub-Inspector of Police.

* 1822 *Q.*—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on or about the 15th January 1929 Mr. Bagavan Singh, Sub-Inspector of Police, Peranamallore, Wandiwash taluk in North Arcot district, took Messrs. K. Adimoola Mudaliyar, P. Ananda Goundar and other important residents of the place to the police station and told them not to feed or lodge the Congressmen nor attend their meetings on pain of their being arrested by him and put in jail ;

(b) whether the Government propose to make any enquiry into the matter ; and

(c) if not, why not ?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for it.

Alleged threatening of the Secretary, Peranamallore Congress Committee, by the Circle Inspector of Police, Wandiwash.

* 1823 *Q.*—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Subraya Acharya, Circle Inspector of Wandiwash, told Mr. Doraiswami Nayanar, Secretary, Peranamallore Congress Committee, that he is ruining himself by associating with Congress hirelings and that he will teach him a lesson very soon for all this ;

(b) whether the Government propose to make any enquiry ; and

(c) if not, why not ?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for it.

Public Service

List of posts on a salary of Rs. 1,000 or above created after the Reforms.

* 1824 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of new posts with a salary of Rs. 1,000 and more per mensem created in all the different departments of the Provincial Government after the Reforms ; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred on this account ?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement [a] is laid on the table.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 636–637 infra.